Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

September 2010

UNADJUSTED DATA

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey for the week ended September 18, 2010, there were 528,100 persons employed in Saskatchewan during September 2010, a decrease of 7,100 from August 2010 but 6,300 more than the number employed in September 2009.

Agricultural employment was 42,300 persons in September 2010, down 1,800 from the August 2010 level and 3,900 less than the September 2009 agricultural employment level of 46,200. Non-agricultural employment was 485,800 persons in September 2010. This is a decrease of 5,300 from the August 2010 non-agriculture employment level of 491,100 but 10,200 more than September 2009.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for September 2010 was 4.9 percent. This is a decrease of 0.8 percentage points from the August 2010 rate of 5.7 percent but 0.9 percentage points higher than the September 2009 level of 4.0 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force decreased by 12,300 to 555,300 persons in September 2010 from 567,600 persons in August 2010. This is 11,800 more than the September 2009 labour force of 543,500 persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate fell 1.6 percentage points to 69.9 percent in September 2010 from 71.5 percent in August 2010. The September 2009 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 69.5 percent.

There were 27,200 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during September 2010. This is a decrease of 5,200 from August 2010 but is 5,500 more than the number unemployed in September 2009.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 526,800 persons employed in Saskatchewan in September 2010, down 4,600 from the August 2010 level of 531,400 but is up 7,000 from the September 2009 employment level of 519,800 persons.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for September 2010 was 5.5 percent. This is an increase of 0.7 percentage points from the August 2010 rate of 4.8 percent and 0.8 percentage points higher than the September 2009 rate of 4.7 percent.

CANADIAN DATA

Canadian employment decreased by 198,100 persons in September 2010 to 17,248,400 persons from 17,446,500 persons in August 2010. In September 2009, there were 16,901,300 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unemployment rate decreased 1.3 percentage points to 7.4 percent from the August 2010 level of 8.7 percent. In September 2009, Canada's unemployment rate 7.6 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 8.0 percent in September 2010. This is 0.1 percentage points lower than August 2010 and 0.3 percentage points lower than the September 2009 level of 8.3 percent.

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TABLE 1

SUMMARY LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS, CANADA AND THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES

	September 2010	August 2010	September 2009	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
CANADA					
Labour Force ('000)	18,627.8	19,115.0	18,297.1	-487.2	330.7
Employed ('000)	17,248.4	17,446.5	16,901.3	-198.1	347.1
Full-Time ('000)	13,941.1	14,432.3	13,726.8	-491.2	214.3
Part-Time ('000)	3,307.3	3,014.3	3,174.5	293.0	132.8
Unemployed ('000)	1,379.4	1,668.5	1,395.8	-289.1	-16.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.4	8.7	7.6	-1.3	-0.2
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	8.0	8.1	8.3	-0.1	-0.3
Participation Rate (%)	67.0	68.8	66.8	-1.8	0.2
SASKATCHEWAN					
Labour Force ('000)	555.3	567.6	543.5	-12.3	11.8
Employed ('000)	528.1	535.2	521.8	-7.1	6.3
Full-Time ('000)	428.4	446.1	426.7	-17.7	1.7
Part-Time ('000)	99.8	89.1	95.1	10.7	4.7
Unemployed ('000)	27.2	32.4	21.7	-5.2	5.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.9	5.7	4.0	-0.8	0.9
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	5.5	4.8	4.7	0.7	0.8
Participation Rate (%)	69.9	71.5	69.5	-1.6	0.4
ALBERTA					
Labour Force ('000)	2,122.1	2,177.7	2,119.1	-55.6	3.0
Employed ('000)	1,997.4	2,022.0	1,981.1	-24.6	16.3
Full-Time ('000)	1,651.4	1,706.3	1,633.1	-54.9	18.3
Part-Time ('000)	346.1	315.6	347.9	30.5	-1.8
Unemployed ('000)	124.7	155.7	138.0	-31.0	-13.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.9	7.1	6.5	-1.2	-0.6
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	6.2	6.5	6.8	-0.3	-0.6
Participation Rate (%)	72.2	74.2	73.5	-2.0	-1.3
MANITOBA					
Labour Force ('000)	656.7	674.2	639.9	-17.5	16.8
Employed ('000)	624.3	628.5	609.0	-4.2	15.3
Full-Time ('000)	503.7	521.5	490.3	-17.8	13.4
Part-Time ('000)	120.7	107.1	118.7	13.6	2.0
Unemployed ('000)	32.3	45.7	30.9	-13.4	1.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.9	6.8	4.8	-1.9	0.1
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	5.4	5.6	5.3	-0.2	0.1
Participation Rate (%)	69.9	71.8	69.1	-1.9	0.8

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*
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TABLE 2

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	September 2010	August 2010	September 2009	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
LABOUR FORCE ('000)	555.3	567.6	543.5	-12.3	11.8
Male	295.8	305.5	290.4	-9.7	5.4
Female	259.5	262.1	253.1	-2.6	6.4
15-24 Years of Age	88.3	102.2	93.2	-13.9	-4.9
25+ Years of age	467.0	465.4	450.3	1.6	16.7
EMPLOYED ('000)	528.1	535.2	521.8	-7.1	6.3
Male	281.4	290.9	279.3	-9.5	2.1
Female	246.7	244.3	242.5	2.4	4.2
15-24 Years of Age	79.5	94.2	85.3	-14.7	-5.8
25+ Years of age	448.6	441.0	436.5	7.6	12.1
UNEMPLOYED ('000)	27.2	32.4	21.7	-5.2	5.5
Male	14.4	14.6	11.1	-0.2	3.3
Female	12.8	17.8	10.6	-5.0	2.2
15-24 Years of Age	8.7	8.0	7.9	0.7	0.8
25+ Years of age	18.4	24.4	13.8	-6.0	4.6
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)	4.9	5.7	4.0	-0.8	0.9
Male	4.9	4.8	3.8	0.1	1.1
Female	4.9	6.8	4.2	-1.9	0.7
15-24 Years of Age	9.9	7.8	8.5	2.1	1.4
25+ Years of age	3.9	5.2	3.1	-1.3	0.8
PARTICIPATION RATE (%)	69.9	71.5	69.5	-1.6	0.4
Male	75.3	77.9	75.3	-2.6	0.0
Female	64.7	65.3	63.8	-0.6	0.9
15-24 Years of Age	64.2	74.2	67.1	-10.0	-2.9
25+ Years of age	71.1	71.0	70.0	0.1	1.1

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TABLE 3

SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE

	September 2010	August 2010	September 2009	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
INDUSTRY ('000)					
Agriculture	42.3	44.1	46.2	-1.8	-3.9
Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas	25.7	27.3	24.8	-1.6	0.9
Utilities	5.2	5.6	4.5	-0.4	0.7
Construction	41.5	46.7	41.2	-5.2	0.3
Manufacturing	31.9	32.0	27.4	-0.1	4.5
Trade	78.8	83.1	79.6	-4.3	-0.8
Transportation and Warehousing	25.4	24.8	26.0	0.6	-0.6
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	31.5	32.1	27.9	-0.6	3.6
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	20.8	24.2	21.1	-3.4	-0.3
Business, Building and Other Support Services	10.4	11.9	13.3	-1.5	-2.9
Educational Services	40.6	29.8	41.0	10.8	-0.4
Health Care and Social Assistance	69.7	69.4	66.5	0.3	3.2
Information, Culture and Recreation	18.7	18.8	19.2	-0.1	-0.5
Accommodation and Food Services	30.1	31.7	28.7	-1.6	1.4
Other Services	26.7	24.2	24.1	2.5	2.6
Public Administration	28.9	29.5	30.2	-0.6	-1.3
Total	528.1	535.2	521.8	-7.1	6.3
HOURS OF WORK ('000)					
Full-Time	428.4	446.1	426.7	-17.7	1.7
Part-Time	99.8	89.1	95.1	10.7	4.7
CLASS OF WORKER ('000)					
Employees	424.6	430.4	422.6	-5.8	2.0
Public Sector	131.0	124.3	132.4	6.7	-1.4
Private Sector	293.5	306.0	290.2	-12.5	3.3
Self-Employed	103.6	104.8	99.2	-1.2	4.4

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*
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TABLE 4

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	September 2010	August 2010	September 2009	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Canada	17,248.4	17,446.5	16,901.3	-198.1	347.1
Newfoundland & Labrador	236.6	236.0	224.3	0.6	12.3
Prince Edward Island	72.0	77.2	72.3	-5.2	-0.3
Nova Scotia	460.7	466.1	453.6	-5.4	7.1
New Brunswick	368.0	380.2	374.2	-12.2	-6.2
Quebec	3,983.4	3,988.2	3,858.1	-4.8	125.3
Ontario	6,659.3	6,768.4	6,534.5	-109.1	124.8
Manitoba	624.3	628.5	609.0	-4.2	15.3
Saskatchewan	528.1	535.2	521.8	-7.1	6.3
Alberta	1,997.4	2,022.0	1,981.1	-24.6	16.3
British Columbia	2,318.6	2,344.7	2,272.5	-26.1	46.1
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
Canada	7.4	8.7	7.6	-1.3	-0.2
Newfoundland & Labrador	10.9	13.2	12.7	-2.3	-1.8
Prince Edward Island	11.0	9.4	9.1	1.6	1.9
Nova Scotia	8.5	9.7	8.9	-1.2	-0.4
New Brunswick	8.2	9.5	6.6	-1.3	1.6
Quebec	6.9	8.3	7.7	-1.4	-0.8
Ontario	8.3	9.8	8.4	-1.5	-0.1
Manitoba	4.9	6.8	4.8	-1.9	0.1
Saskatchewan	4.9	5.7	4.0	-0.8	0.9
Alberta	5.9	7.1	6.5	-1.2	-0.6
British Columbia	7.2	8.1	6.9	-0.9	0.3

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TABLE 5

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(Seasonally Adjusted)

	September 2010	August 2010	September 2009	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Canada	17,209.7	17,216.3	16,860.7	-6.6	349.0
Newfoundland & Labrador	228.3	223.4	216.9	4.9	11.4
Prince Edward Island	69.8	72.0	69.8	-2.2	0.0
Nova Scotia	459.1	455.6	451.7	3.5	7.4
New Brunswick	362.3	364.8	367.9	-2.5	-5.6
Quebec	3,953.4	3,938.2	3,831.1	15.2	122.3
Ontario	6,662.0	6,684.9	6,535.2	-22.9	126.8
Manitoba	623.7	621.6	608.6	2.1	15.1
Saskatchewan	526.8	531.4	519.8	-4.6	7.0
Alberta	2,004.2	2,003.9	1,984.9	0.3	19.3
British Columbia	2,320.3	2,320.6	2,274.7	-0.3	45.6
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
Canada	8.0	8.1	8.3	-0.1	-0.3
Newfoundland & Labrador	13.5	14.0	15.4	-0.5	-1.9
Prince Edward Island	13.6	11.2	11.9	2.4	1.7
Nova Scotia	9.0	9.8	9.5	-0.8	-0.5
New Brunswick	9.8	9.6	8.1	0.2	1.7
Quebec	7.7	8.2	8.7	-0.5	-1.0
Ontario	8.8	8.8	9.0	0.0	-0.2
Manitoba	5.4	5.6	5.3	-0.2	0.1
Saskatchewan	5.5	4.8	4.7	0.7	0.8
Alberta	6.2	6.5	6.8	-0.3	-0.6
British Columbia	7.5	7.3	7.3	0.2	0.2

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TABLE 6

SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(3 Month Moving Average)

	September 2010	August 2010	September 2009	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
CANADIAN CITIES UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
St. John's	8.2	8.4	8.6	-0.2	-0.4
Halifax	6.7	6.4	7.2	0.3	-0.5
Saint John	9.0	8.8	5.9	0.2	3.1
Quebec	4.4	5.0	5.2	-0.6	-0.8
Montreal	8.5	8.4	9.4	0.1	-0.9
Ottawa-Gatineau	7.8	7.4	5.7	0.4	2.1
Greater Sudbury	10.6	10.0	10.5	0.6	0.1
Toronto	10.0	10.0	10.4	0.0	-0.4
Winnipeg	6.3	6.3	6.1	0.0	0.2
Regina	5.4	5.2	5.5	0.2	-0.1
Saskatoon	5.8	6.1	4.9	-0.3	0.9
Calgary	6.8	6.8	7.1	0.0	-0.3
Edmonton	7.0	7.2	7.8	-0.2	-0.8
Vancouver	7.6	7.8	7.3	-0.2	0.3
Victoria	5.3	5.5	6.6	-0.2	-1.3
SASKATCHEWAN ECONOMIC REGIONS EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Regina-Moose Mountain	167.5	167.1	156.3	0.4	11.2
Swift Current-Moose Jaw	54.0	54.6	54.3	-0.6	-0.3
Saskatoon-Biggar	170.8	173.8	175.5	-3.0	-4.7
Yorkton-Melville	42.5	42.6	41.0	-0.1	1.5
Prince Albert & Northern	97.1	97.6	96.0	-0.5	1.1

Note: All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)

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TABLE 7

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS BY ABORIGINAL IDENTITY FOR POPULATION 15 YEARS AND OLDER

(3 Month Moving Average)

	Jul-Sep 2010	Jun-Aug 2010	Jul-Sep 2009	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
TOTAL POPULATION					
Labour Force ('000)	561.2	565.1	549.6	-3.9	11.6
Employed ('000)	530.8	534.5	521.0	-3.7	9.8
Unemployed ('000)	30.4	30.6	28.6	-0.2	1.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.4	5.4	5.2	0.0	0.2
Participation Rate (%)	70.7	71.3	70.4	-0.6	0.3
Employment Rate (%)	66.9	67.5	66.7	-0.6	0.2
NON-ABORIGINAL					
Labour Force ('000)	519.3	522.6	509.8	-3.3	9.5
Employed ('000)	495.5	498.7	487.2	-3.2	8.3
Unemployed ('000)	23.8	23.9	22.6	-0.1	1.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.6	4.6	4.4	0.0	0.2
Participation Rate (%)	71.2	71.8	71.0	-0.6	0.2
Employment Rate (%)	68.0	68.5	67.8	-0.5	0.2
ABORIGINAL					
Labour Force ('000)	41.8	42.5	39.8	-0.7	2.0
Employed ('000)	35.2	35.7	33.8	-0.5	1.4
Unemployed ('000)	6.6	6.7	6.0	-0.1	0.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	15.7	15.9	15.1	-0.2	0.6
Participation Rate (%)	65.0	66.1	63.3	-1.1	1.7
Employment Rate (%)	54.8	55.6	53.7	-0.8	1.1
NORTH AMERICAN INDIAN					
Labour Force ('000)	17.3	17.7	15.9	-0.4	1.4
Employed ('000)	13.6	13.5	12.3	0.1	1.3
Unemployed ('000)	3.7	4.2	3.6	-0.5	0.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	21.6	23.6	22.5	-2.0	-0.9
Participation Rate (%)	59.6	61.1	56.1	-1.5	3.5
Employment Rate (%)	46.7	46.7	43.5	0.0	3.2
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Labour Force ('000)	24.1	24.2	23.9	-0.1	0.2
Employed ('000)	21.2	21.6	21.4	-0.4	-0.2
Unemployed ('000)	2.8	2.6	2.4	0.2	0.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	11.8	10.6	10.2	1.2	1.6
Participation Rate (%)	69.1	69.8	69.2	-0.7	-0.1
Employment Rate (%)	60.9	62.4	62.2	-1.5	-1.3

Notes:

1. The Labour Force Survey collects data on the Saskatchewan civilian, non-institutional, off-reserve population. Beginning in April 2004, questions were added to the survey allowing for the self-identification of Aboriginal identity for Saskatchewan respondents.
2. The North American Indian and Métis categories are single responses only. 'Other' is omitted due to insufficient responses.
3. All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)
4. Caution should be used when interpretting results. Small sample sizes can result in large standard errors.

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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